

## PORTLAND IS FREELY ADVERTISED IN BAY CITY BY ITS TAX LISTS

Delinquent Schedules, Printed in Oregonian and Telegram, Show Sad Straits.

Portland is now reaping the advertising results of the seven and eight page delinquent tax lists published in the Oregonian and Telegram, according to statements made by different people who have just returned from San Francisco and Oakland.

Homecoming visitors from the California cities tell of the hostile use being made of the lists in San Francisco and Oakland, where copies of the two Portland papers are to be seen tacked up in barrooms, and in saloons and other places, where many people congregate, there to be displayed as horrible examples of conditions prevailing in Portland and in Oregon.

### Papers Posted in Saloons.

On every hand these seven and eight page advertisements of financial trouble are being displayed, a returning visitor said, in discussing what he had seen. "They are to be found in the saloons, poolrooms and billiard parlors, both of San Francisco and Oakland, and are continually pointed to as documentary evidence of the bad financial and business conditions existing in Portland and in Oregon."

### Similar to Conditions in 1911.

This shows that the same condition exists that caused the repeal of the delinquent tax publication law several years ago, when, during the hard times then existing, the tax lists became so long that they were used throughout the country as printed arguments against emigration to or investment in Oregon. This handicap became so apparent that the property owners of the state started an agitation resulting in the repeal of the law, so that there was no notice by publication until the legislature of 1911, urged by the same lobby that fought the repeal of the present law throughout the last session, enacted the statute requiring the existing burdensome and useless practice.

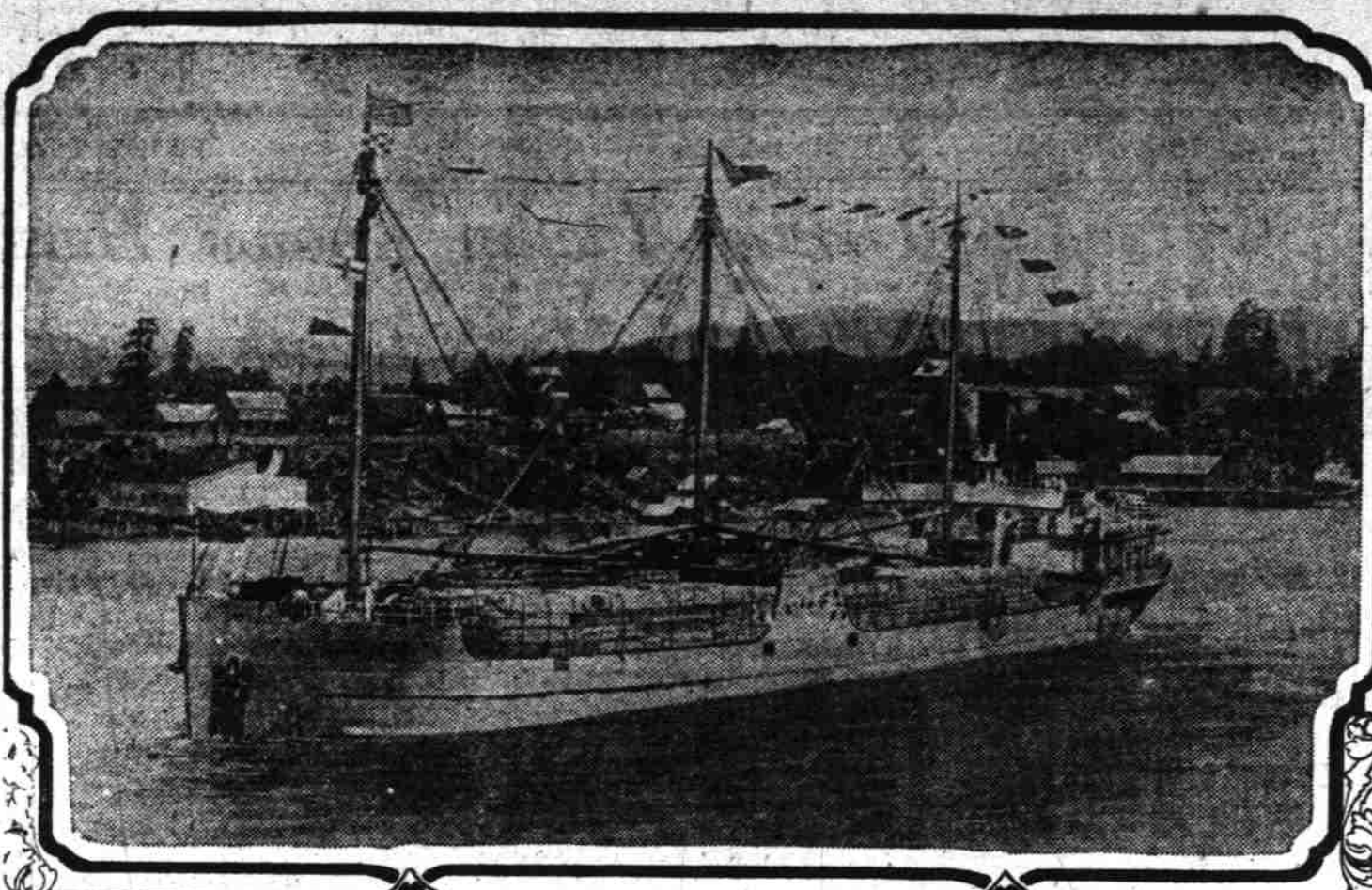
## HOUSE AGREES TO TAKE VOTE ON FLOOD BILL

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We could take our chances in prize courts. But she is sinking merchantmen without regard to loss of life."

Representative Cooper, a Republican member of the foreign affairs com-

## NANN SMITH MAY HAVE BEEN "U" BOAT VICTIM



Nann Smith Sailing Out of Coos Bay.

Marshfield, Or., March 1.—A member of the crew of the steamer Adeline Smith has received word that the steamer Nann Smith, which formerly carried lumber from Coos Bay, was torpedoed recently in the English channel by a German submarine. The Nann Smith was sold last year by the C. A. Smith company to a Norwegian firm and her name was changed. The present name of the vessel is not known.

Marshall, who voted against the Flood bill in committee yesterday, was the first speaker to raise his voice against it in the house today. He declared that it gave the president too much power.

Representative Campbell, ranking Republican of the rules committee, insisted that congress cannot delegate war making powers to the president and if this emergency exists congress should be called in extraordinary session.

**Vote Is Unanimous.**  
"The president's views are not convincing," said Mr. Campbell. "The duty to take a step that leads this country into war rests upon congress and not the executive. We cannot rightfully delegate war making powers to the executive."

"The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Flood) states that we may soon be engaged in war. If so, the representatives of the people who will bear the bloody burden of that war should declare the necessity for carrying it on."

Closing debate on the special rule, Chairman Henry of the rules committee asked for a unanimous vote "to serve notice on the world that we are a united country."

The question was put on a viva voce vote and there were no negative votes.

### Mann Advocates Measure.

Representative Mann of Illinois, Republican leader, who has been accused of sympathies with Germany, was applauded when he advocated adoption of the Flood bill. He, however, took occasion to throw in a criticism of the administration's course in Mexico.

"I am not willing to cavil over terms of the power we confer on the president," said Mann. "When the time comes that our ships are assailed by a free people and a great nation—and a small nation—to defend its rights upon the seas."

"I long ago would have given the president the power to protect against unlawful attack the citizens of the United States engaged in lawful and peaceful pursuits in Mexico and believe we ought to give him power now to save our rights, our patriotism, our people and our nation. I hope and believe that in giving this power to the president we are more apt to keep out of war than to get into it. I don't want to become involved in the European war, but I am willing to protect the rights of Americans."

**Kitchin Will Give Support.**  
"The world holds its breath at every step the president takes, at every utterance the president makes," Representative Claude Kitchin, the Democratic floor leader, said, giving the bill his support. "The nation confronts the gravest crisis. It faces the supreme responsibility to itself and to the world."

"Already the European catastrophe threatens the faith of mankind, of Christianity, of civilization."  
"The widening of that catastrophe, by a great, powerful nation like ours would seem to challenge the right of Christianity to exist. It calls to the test the potency of Christian civilization itself."

"Putting my trust in him, whose steady hand has thus far guided us in the ways of peace, I shall support this measure—and then pray God daily to give him wisdom and strength to find or make a way to continue amid the increasing horrors of an almost universal war, to hold this nation up to the vision of Christendom as the only hope and assurance of peace on earth, good will towards men."

**Extra Session Urged.**  
Washington, March 1.—(U. P.)—Senator Norris, independent Republican indicated on the floor this afternoon that he will insist on "full and complete" discussion of all appropriation bills yet to be passed.

This means, if Norris carries out his threat, that there will be an extra session of congress. There are at least six big appropriation measures to be acted upon.

Following Norris, Senator Thomas, Colorado, Democrat, demanded an extra session.

This may prove to be the greatest crisis this country has ever faced. It is the duty of congress to be here in their seats."

### Food Inquiry Fund Lost.

Washington, March 1.—(U. P.)—The \$400,000 appropriation, passed by the house for a nation-wide food investigation by the federal trade commission, today was stricken from the sundry civil bill by the senate appropriation committee on grounds of economy.

### From War to Law.

Cleora Hogan, who was lieutenant of Troop A, Oregon cavalry, in service on the border, today resumed his duties as bailiff in Judge Davis' court. Elmer M. Furuseth, who has been acting in Bailiff Hogan's place, will leave for California at an early date.

here, so any report of her sinking would not have identified the steamer to those who knew her here.

The Nann Smith was the first vessel built by the C. A. Smith company and was nearly 300 feet long. She was designed especially to carry lumber from the Smith mill in Marshfield to Bay Point, Cal., and up to that time was the largest vessel ever put on a regular run out of Coos Bay. She made splendid records. Later the Adeline Smith was built as a sister ship.

Last year the Nann Smith made several charter trips and when a flattering offer was made for this vessel it was sold. The Smith company is now having built on Coos Bay a large wooden vessel to take the place of the Nann Smith.

For a long time the Nann Smith was the pride of Coos Bay.

## PRESIDENT WILSON HAS INFORMATION CONFIRMING PLOT

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clared, and decided that in the event that war between the United States and Germany took place, they would arrange for a new revolution to elect the government and depose Carranza.

The details of what transpired are withheld by this government, because of the danger that would come to certain informants. And in this connection, Secretary of State Lansing today said that he was not prepared to say whether there would be additional revelations.

All of the facts in the plot were placed in the possession of the Japanese ambassador by Counselor Poik of the state department. He cabled them at once to Tokyo. It is expected here that a statement dealing with the facts will shortly be forthcoming from the Japanese government itself.

### All Facts May Be Made Public.

It is thought here that within a short time the president will let all of the facts become known, either through a direct statement to congress from the White House or a communication to the foreign affairs committee of the senate by Secretary Lansing.

The text of the note written by German Foreign Minister Zimmermann to Count von Bernstorff, which was dated January 19, and was sent to Mexico City through Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador here at that time, has been in the hands of President Wilson for several days. It is not stated where it came from, but it is known that its existence first was reported to the United States by Ambassador Fletcher when he reached Mexico City to take over his duties there as the new ambassador to Mexico.

It has been an open secret in official

circles here that German influence and German money had been utilized to a very great extent in the anti-American plotting in Cuba, Mexico and certain Central and South American countries. The agents of Germany have been financial from this city.

### Gold Shipped By Ambassador.

Until he left, Count Von Bernstorff sent large quantities of gold south at stated periods. In addition, German fiscal agents in New York city were doing the same thing. Many of these particular shipments are known to the United States through reports of its secret service agents.

Not alone the amounts sent but where they were sent, is a matter of record here. One of the last acts of the retiring German ambassador was to furnish a large quantity of money to Baron Von Schoen, who was transferred from the position of embassy secretary here to Mexico City.

What action has been taken by Germany in its endeavor to draw Japan away from its alliance with the entente and to throw its influence toward the central powers is not known. The state department and administration officials refused point blank to discuss that phase of the general situation today.

It was stated unofficially that Japan has within a very brief time reaffirmed to the entente her complete allegiance to their joint cause. And officials believe if the German campaign to involve the United States has hinged entirely upon Japanese support that it was certain to fail.

### Efforts to Settle With Japan Fail.

Only a very short time ago reports reached the state department from authentic sources showing that German agents had been endeavoring to reconcile the differences existing between Germany and Japan. It was stated at the time that there was a renewal of the peace efforts which were set on foot by German representatives following the sale of Kiaow Chow and that the representations had met with no more

welcome reception than they had when originally presented.

One evidence of the depth of feeling stirred in administration circles here today over the German plotting developments was the flat announcement from officials close to the president that he will refuse to accept the bill authorizing armed neutrality as framed in the house. If such a bill should be passed by both houses he would veto it, it was said. He wants the senate bill, which was framed to give him all of the powers which he believes are needed to protect American shipping on the high seas passed exactly as reported from the senate committee. Officials believed today that he would be able to get this legislation.

## VILLA SAID TO HAVE ENJOYED ASSISTANCE FROM GERMAN AGENTS

El Paso, Texas, March 1.—(U. P.)—United States government agents, investigating reports of German assistance being given Villa, have information that Germans have been advising having built on Coos Bay a large wooden vessel to take the place of the Nann Smith.

The German consulate at Juarez was robbed last night and all government papers belonging to Colonel Max Weber taken, it was announced today.

Investigations conducted by British agents in El Paso recently resulted in obtaining information indicating that activities of German secret agents in

Mexico have extended over a long period of time. The British agents have obtained proof that German interests instigated the battle at Parral in which American troops were ambushed by Carranza soldiers while the Americans troops were standing off a street mob in April, 1916.

After the battle, General Jose de la Luz Herrera, commander of the Carranza garrison, made an affidavit before American officers in which he charged that German Consul Agent Koch at Parral had "worked up the fight." The affidavit was filed with the war department at Washington.

Since Villa's latest mysterious disappearance, authentic information as to the bandit chieftain's whereabouts has not been obtained. A report has been received here that General Murguía, Carranza commander, has arrested Dr. A. Schroeder, a physician at Parral, charging him with hiding Villa and giving him medical treatment. Villa was said to have been wounded in a skirmish with government troops before his "disappearance."

## Chile Asked to Join Peace Conference

Buenos Aires, March 1.—(U. P.)—Chile has received a proposal from Argentina to participate in a conference of all Latin-American nations according to a Santiago dispatch printed today by La Nación.

No date was set in the proposals, but Buenos Aires was specified as the meeting place for the conference to urge peace in Europe and it was noticed that the United States was included in the group of nations asked to participate.

## Who Will Run for Mayor Question of Moment to Two

Ask any Ad man today "Who is going to run for mayor?" He will answer: "I don't know for sure about Will Daly, but I'm certain that George L. Baker intends to."

Commissioner Baker's answer to his mayoralty ambitions was given Wednesday when, at the Ad club luncheon, he was asked to introduce Commissioner Daly as a new member.

"Present our next mayor," shouted a club member, referring to Mr. Daly. "I am very glad to," responded Commissioner Baker—pointing to himself. Then each, in an interchange of compliments, assured the club that he considers the other a square-toed and honest man.

### Pastor's Funeral Held.

The funeral of Rev. Riley Vernon was held from the establishment of J. P. Finley & Son, Fifth and Montgomery streets today at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Vernon, was pastor of an African Methodist church and was an evangelist worker at the time of his death. He was 57 years of age, and died at his home, 1818 Harvard street, on February 27, following an illness of three months. Mr. Vernon had resided in Portland since 1895. He is survived by a wife, and by two sons, Melvin and Ema Vernon.

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